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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and has the honor to advise the Ministry of the following:

Undertakings with Respect to  
United States Government Employees

The United States of America is grateful to the Republic of Turkey for its permission to admit into Turkey approximately 2500 United States Government employees in northern Iraq including members of their families for direct transit from Turkey to a third country of the United States' choosing for further resettlement processing prior to entry into the United States or for transit directly to the United States.

The United States Government pledges to finalize the direct transit of the United States Government employees and their family members from Turkey in not more than ten days.

The United States assumes sole responsibility for removing from Turkish soil everyone deemed eligible for resettlement, following an initial joint screening and identification by Turkish and American officials at the Habur Gate border crossing, and whose eligibility has been established through this process. The United States Government undertakes to move, as rapidly and directly as possible, those individuals accepted for resettlement to Diyarbakir Airport for onward transit via civil aircraft. All onward civil air transportation will be organized by the United States Government or its designated agent. The Turkish authorities will arrange adequate transportation and security for the movement of the United States Government employees and their families from the border to Diyarbakir. Following arrival at Diyarbakir and prior to boarding the aircraft, another security check and identification procedure of the United States employees will be jointly conducted in a facility designated for this purpose.

Those unable to travel directly to Diyarbakir are to be accommodated temporarily under the auspices of the Turkish Government. Turkish authorities will provide United States officials with full access to this facility. In the instance where some of the United States Government employees are brought to this

facility, the second joint security check and identification procedure will be conducted there.

The United States undertakes to defray all reasonable costs associated with this operation, including sustenance and temporary shelter, medical care, transportation and administrative costs as documented by the Government of Turkey. The Government of Turkey should incur no financial burden as a result of this program.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,  
Ankara, September 13, 1996.



AMBASSADOR OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ANKARA, TURKEY

September 13, 1996

Dear Undersecretary Oymen:

With reference to the diplomatic note concerning the transit of the United States Government employees and their families, we wish to record the following understandings which will constitute a part of the note.

With respect to our commitment to defray costs, the United States will reimburse the Government of Turkey and the Turkish Red Crescent Society for all reasonable direct costs such as sustenance and temporary shelter, medical care, transportation and administrative costs documented by the Government of Turkey. Our government is prohibited by law from making open ended financial commitments and we must therefore convey a cap on our cost of reimbursement. We have made a good faith estimate of the cost of the transit of the United States Government employees which we expect to be well below US \$1 million. We are committed to reimburse the Government of Turkey for costs as set forth above up to US \$1 million. In the unlikely event that there should be further costs we will use our best efforts to identify additional sources of additional funds.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marc Grossman

His Excellency Ambassador Onur Oymen,  
Undersecretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Ankara.